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A meeting was held at Carlisle on the 9th Nov. 1915 to form Nursing Divisions

Bangalow & no 15 Brigade Detailed

Parts played by the Ladies and Gentlemen

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S.N.E
St. John Ambulance Brigade
(overseas)
Office of A.D.M.S.
Madras District H.Q
Bangalore.

5/12.40.

Dear Colonel Stubbs,

There will be a General Meeting of the St John Ambulance Brigade on Friday Dec 13 at 5 pm, at the Mayo Hall.

The object of the meeting is to form Divisions & appoint officers.

As Colonel Gordon is President of the St John Ambulance Provincial Centre we would be grateful if you could inform him that this meeting is taking place.

yrs sincerely

J. E. Miller (Mrs)

P.A. Asst Commissioner
Dist. 15. S.J.A.B.

P.T.O.

Please look up our
records we have
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we formed the five
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who are the present
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OFFICE OF THE
HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.
6 DEC. 1940
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File No.

Bangalore,
10th December 1940.

Dear

P.A's

Will you please refer to your/letter dated the 5th December 1940 regarding General Meeting of the St. John Ambulance Brigade on the 13th.

Will you please let me know if you wish the Hon'ble the Resident as President of the Provincial Centre to preside at the Meeting.

Yours

Colonel E.G. Kennedy,
Assistant Commissioner,
Dist.15, St. John Ambulance Brigade,
Office of A.D.M.S.,
Madras District Headquarters,
Bangalore.

THE RESIDENCY
MYSORE

Bangalore No 15
Brigade Drill

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Meeting of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is being held this afternoon for the purpose of forming Nursing Divisions and appointing officers and I wish to welcome all who are present and to express to you my appreciation of very considerable progress which has been made and which would not have been possible without your keenness, interest and support.

In the first place, we are under a deep obligation to Colonel Kennedy, A.D.M.S., of the Madras District, to whose initiative and hard work the progress made is mainly due. This progress, however, would have been impossible, were there not ready volunteers and those who were willing to give up their time to teaching, training and conducting examinations. We are indeed grateful to the hospitals both Civil and Military in the Station who have placed accommodation and equipment at our disposal, and in particular to Miss Lucas, Matron of the

Lady

I would like to congratulate those who have been successful in obtaining their certificates and it is interesting to know that 74% of those who appeared at a recent examination were successful. I sincerely hope that those who were not successful will persevere, appear again and next time be successful. It is also essential that we should all try and persuade others to join and train to make up for casualties from transfers from the Station and other causes, and I would like to impress upon everybody that it is no use training without joining the Brigade as the I.V.A.S. is recruited entirely from the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Joining affords the only means by which you can keep your knowledge up to date and improve your efficiency and be of service to the State in these times of great and grievous emergency.

I would also like to welcome Mr. Green, our Commissioner of Police, who is here tonight and to thank him for the keenness, interest and support he is taking in the Movement. Two divisions from the

Police

Police are being trained and there can be no doubt that such training will be of inestimable value to the Force as a whole.

I also welcome Rao Sahib Madhavaraya Mudaliar who has for so long been associated with the Scout Movement in Bangalore and in which he has evinced so great an interest and to whom so much is due. It is particularly gratifying that the Rovers Crew are keenly interested and will I hope, either alone or in conjunction with the Bishop Cotton's School form an additional Division.

These successful beginnings are indeed a matter of congratulation and I cannot emphasize too strongly that the present is the time to train and make ourselves efficient.

We trust that we in Bangalore may be spared the great sufferings and distress which are being caused daily in Great Britain, by the daily and nightly air-raids. Events move rapidly in these days and from day to day we cannot foresee what may happen on the

morrow and it is therefore essential we should each one of us try and fit ourselves to be of service to the State and play our part should an emergency arise.

The Collector assisted by the Residency Surgeon has very recently worked out in some detail an A.R.P. Scheme for the Station, and Mr. Roberts has gone to have a course in A.R.P. training. On his return from training we shall build up our organisation in which, those who have trained will be of inestimable value.

St. John Ambulance Brigade is therefore providing us with opportunities to train and I hope that the good beginnings which have been made will, with your support and enthusiasm, continue to grow, until indeed we can be proud of our achievements.

Finally I would like once again to thank Colonel Kennedy for all that he has done and to convey to him our congratulations in his appointment as Assistant Commissioner.

Agenda / meeting.

President - takes chair.

(Persons on Dais). Carleton. Green Bay Scouts up Sipchick.

- Color representation. Dulmers Saunders. District Chairs & Reps
President makes his speech o
open proceedings

(should / deputy asking him
o open proceedings?)

- Col. K. makes his speech
& explaining details

Roll is called of members of
Divisions -
Those fall in in groups composed
of individual divisions.
Names checked

(2)

Call for any others whose names have not been called who are certificated & eligible to join.
allot to Division
allot Nos to Divisions.
Each Div. officer to take over Div. Cert. forms if any unused & Nos. & Div. to be filled up by enrolment

Get. I. C. N. S to sign necessary forms. —
Introductions & Resolutions.
~~meeting concludes.~~
answer questions
meeting concludes.

Welcome everyone especially representatives from

Kolar G.F. (hope they will join us)

Police

Scouts organization

Thank

Lecturers and examiners

and those who have placed rooms and equipment at our disposal especially

Miss Lucas (Matron Curzon)

Miss Donald (Matron I.M.H.)

B.U.S.Club

Y.W.C.A.

and any others who have helped in other ways e.g. Mrs Anderson for arranging & teach Invalid cookery classes.

Congratulate successful candidates (74% passed recent exam.) Hope the unsuccessful ones will try again after taking further lectures.

Congratulate Bangalore on the number who have volunteered for I.V.A.S. especially the large number for General Service.

I.V.A.S. General Service.....12

Local.....16

Total.....28

Hope others will volunteer.

Numbers compare very favourably with other places in India vide Army List

Talk about importance of joining St. John. No use training without joining as this is the only way of keeping knowledge from getting rusty. and improving one's efficiency. and of being of use to the State.

I.V.A.S. is recruited from S.J.A.B.

A.R.P. is looking to S.J.A.B. for first aid posts and staffs.

Too late to learn when the emergency is upon us. Must be prepared and ready to take our place beforehand.

Hope everyone will take ANTI GAS COURSE and hospital training.
Both are entirely voluntary but are of enormous value to S.J.A.B.

Talk about keenness and making Divisions smart and thoroughly efficient by frequent practice.

Hope that all who have not got certificates will do classes and take exam as soon as possible.
Hope that every member of S.J.A.B. will do their best to get recruits.
Losses must be made up by fresh ~~MEMBERS~~. recruiting. or Divisions will fall below necessary strength + will be disbanded or the members drafted into other Divisions.

Any other remarks.

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HEADQUARTERS, MADRAS DISTRICT,
BANGALORE,
S. INDIA.

20 December 1940.

Dear Col Gordon,

I have now had most satisfactory interviews with Dr. Parthasarathy - my opposite member as Asst. Commissioner of No. 5 District (Mysore City)

(i) He tells me that the State has agreed to the Kolar people joining us as a Nursing Division and has already written to them to that effect.

This obviates all the difficulaties we had expected and I will take necessary steps to enrol the Kolar people in a Nursing Division to form part of our Brigade.

(ii) He quite agrees with me that combined parade on 16th is not desirable and suggests that his Brigade of 7 Ambulance Divisions should parade on the Scouts' Parade Ground in the City at 9 a.m. on 16th.

I am writing to tell Badnoch this and ask him to agree to separate parades.

(iii) Our Brigade will parade, with your permission, in the Residency Grounds at 5 p.m. on Jan 16th.
(possible parade same hour previous evening)

The parade will be 4 Nursing Divisions,
Approx. strength - - - 72.

2 Ambulance Divisions - - 40.
Total. 112.

I have hopes of forming several more Nursing and Ambulance Divisions within the next couple of months.

Yours sincerely

L. Macnaghten
Commissioner

Lieut.Col. J.de la H.Gordon,
C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C.,
Resident in Mysore, BANGALORE.

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Bangalore,
20th December 1940.

My dear Sir Mirza,

I understand that some of the ladies of Kolar who are insufficient in numbers themselves to form Nursing Divisions wish to join up with the Nursing Divisions now being formed in the Civil and Military Station and that Dr. Parthasarathy who is Assistant Commissioner of No.5 District (Bangalore City) and Colonel Kennedy who is Assistant Commissioner of the Civil and Military Station District recently met to discuss this question. I am informed that the State is agreeable to the ladies of Kolar joining the C & M.Station District as a Nursing Division and would be glad if you could please let me know if this is correct so that arrangements can be made to go ahead with the formation of the divisions as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Amin-ul-Mulk

Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

Copy with compliments to Colonel E.G.Kennedy.

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Bangalore,
21st December 1940.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Sir Mirza today.

I shall be very glad indeed to permit the parade of our Division to take place in the Residency Grounds and I will ask the Governor if he would care to attend as a spectator.

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Colonel E.G. Kennedy,
A.D.M.S.,
Headquarters,
Madras District, Bangalore.

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DEWAN OF MYSORE

CARLTON HOUSE,
BANGALORE.

21st December 1940.

My dear Colonel Gordon,

I have received your letter of yesterday's date.

The ladies of the Kolar Gold Field may join the Civil and Military Station Nursing Division. We have no objection whatsoever.

Yours sincerely

Mirza M. Ismail

The Hon'ble
Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Gordon, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C.,
Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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Dear Colonel Gordon.

Thanks for your letter of 21st and copy of letter for Lord Lamb to Sir Harja.

January 1st Lupa for four hundred to attend the Parade at Divisions & take place at the Residency. If M. & yourself will be present it will be greatly appreciated by the members of the Brigade would be a great help to

further recruitment.

With regard to your letter of
Sir Henry state of our forces
you might be able to tell
him if it is not too late, that
all the Polar people will not
be this Territorial organization
Jervis Bay Territory
is proposed:—

(i) To bring the Polar strength up
by detailing to the Army
Number of Bargabar people
at Illem.

(ii) That those of Bargabar
people will be specially designated
Bargabar Contr. No 1 Mounted
Division
- the Polar people will be

(2)

design use "Polar Nursing Division".

I learn from Dr Parathasarathy that the State lays emphasis on sanitation and public health. So I would be glad if you will make it clear to him if possible.

Yours sincerely

L. Chandra

(Camp) Karapoor,

26th December 1940.

I am writing to thank you for your letter of the 21st saying there is no objection to the Kolar ladies joining the Civil and Military Station Nursing Divisions and to explain that there is no question of the Kolar Division which will be made up to strength by appointing some ladies to it from the Civil and Military Station losing its territorial identity and designation.

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Amin-ul-Mulk
Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., .B.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

(Camp) Karapoor,

26th December 1940.

Will you please refer to your letter of the 21st.

I have explained to Sir Mirza that there is no question of the Kolar Division losing its territorial identity and designation and ~~ix~~ he is quite agreeable for it to join up with the Divisions being formed in the Civil and Military Station.

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Colonel E.G. Kennedy, I.M.S.,
A.D.M.S., Headquarters,
Madras District, Bangalore.